



Preliminary Amendment

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re application of

R. David Rines

Serial No. 09/731,519

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Examiner: Rimell, Samuel G.

For: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR GENERATING DATA-BASE COMPILATION
AND STORAGE, ACCESSING, COMPARING AND ANALYZING OF SCANNED
GENETIC SPOT PATTERN IMAGES AND THE LIKE

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Dear Sir:

Replying to the final Office action of January 1, 2005, please amend the
application as follows: